

MAINE NEWS.

ICE WEATHER.

Operations on Kennebec Suspended.
At Bangor, Feb. 23. The ice operations on the Kennebec river have been totally suspended on account of the thaw the past two days. The houses are not over half full. Hundreds of men are idle. The work is mostly waiting, and it will require two weeks of cold weather to complete a decent harvest.

DEATH IN BAGO.

Of a Veteran of the War.
Bangor, Feb. 23. Joseph T. Gifford, a veteran of the 37th Maine and a resident of Bangor, died at his home at Bangor last night at the age of 81. He was a member of the Baptist church and for many years had been a member of the Bangor Soldiers' Home. He leaves a family.

FIRE RECORD.

A Loss of \$100,000.
Bangor, Feb. 23. At 11:11 A.M. a fire broke out in the store of J. H. Morgan, 100 Commercial street, and spread rapidly, burning for several hours. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$100,000. It was of incendiary origin.

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